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SUBJ CANADIAN BEEF IMPORT QUOTAS

REFS (A) OTTAWA 2648; (B) OTTAWA 2727

1. MAJOR DAILY NEWSPAPERS TODAY CITE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE S.B. WILLIAMS AS SOURCE FOR ARTICLES CLAIMING OTTAWA OFFICIALS PUTTING LOW PRIORITY ON U.S. PROTEST OVER BEEF QUOTA.

2. QUESTIONED ABOUT NOTE DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR PORTER (REFTELS A, B), WILLIAMS TOLD REPORTER PROTEST EXPECTED AND PROBABLE U.S. RESPONSES WERE EXTENSIVELY CONSIDERED BEFORE QUOTA WAS ANNOUNCED. "OUR POSITION IS NOT ONLY REASONABLE, IT'S GENEROUS" HE SAID. "IF WE LET U.S. BEEF FLOOD CANADIAN MARKET, IT WOULD RUIN OUR PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM AND CANADIAN TAXPAYERS
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WOULD END UP PAYING THE COST". "IT WOULD AMOUNT TO

US SUBSIDIZING THE U.S. BEEF PRODUCER" WILLIAMS
ADDED.

3. REFERRING TO 215,000 HEAD IMPORTED FROM U.S.
IN 1973 WILLIAMS CLAIMS THIS CAUSED BY ABNORMAL
CONDITIONS IN U.S. MARKET AS RESULT OF U.S. PRICE
CONTROLS AND THAT MANY OF THESE CARCASSES WERE
RE-EXPORTED TO U.S. AS FORM OF LAUNDERING TO GET
AROUND U.S. PRICE CONTROLS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED U.S.
SIDE WOULD ARGUE QUOTE DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
GROWTH IN CANADA MARKET BUT GOC POSITION IS THAT
1973 WAS UNREALISTIC.

4. FULL TEXT ARTICLES AIRGRAMMED TODAY.
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